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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroyoshi TSUCHIYA

SERIAL NO: 09/848,439 GAU: 1771

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FOR: WATER-ABSORBING COMPOSITES, PREPARATION PROCESSES THEREOF AND WATER-

ABSORBING ARTICLES

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It i	s hereby requested that a one month extension of time be granted to March 10, 2004 for
	filing a response to the Official Action dated:
	responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
	filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
	responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
	filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due February 10, 2004 is enclosed.
	filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.
The required fee of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.	

Respectfully Submitted,

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